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other three all instructed men. Such an army would not be an economic drain on the country, and would be free from the objections that might be raised against conscription or a large regular army.

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### NEUTRALITY AND THE SALE OF MUNITIONS

SIR,—As you are doubtless aware, the Organization of American Women, originated in Baltimore, was financed, it is said, by Germans of that city. This organization was formed for one cause only—to prevent England getting munitions of war. The most heartbreaking appeals have been made to women, through the newspapers. Of course, you look with disdain upon such communications, but they were largely instrumental in securing two million signatures. In replying to one such communication, I quoted you, because I considered you an authority. May I ask what was your authority for the “second principle of neutrality” that you named in the leading editorial in the June issue of *THE NORTH AMERICAN REVIEW*?

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[The principles of neutrality governing the sale of munitions of war to the belligerents were authoritatively enunciated in a letter of the Secretary of State in answer to Senator Stone as early as January of the present year. We quote, for the comfort of our correspondent, the following paragraphs from that official document:

“There is no power in the Executive to prevent the sale of ammunition to the belligerents.

“The duty of a neutral to restrict trade in munitions of war has never been imposed by international law or by municipal statute. It has never been the policy of this Government to prevent the shipment of arms or ammunition into belligerent territory, except in the case of neighboring American Republics, and then only when civil strife prevailed. Even to this extent the belligerents in the present conflict, when they were neutrals, have never, so far as the records disclose, limited the sale of munitions of war. It is only necessary to point to the enormous quantities of arms and ammunitions furnished by manufacturers in Germany to the belligerents in the Russo-Japanese war and in the recent Balkan wars to establish the general recognition of the propriety of the trade by a neutral nation.”—EDITOR.]

### MRS. AUSTIN'S PSYCHOGENY OF CHRIST

SIR,—Permit me to congratulate you upon the conclusion of “The Man Jesus,” by Mary Austin—hardly as an achievement, but rather as the termination of a melancholy and unhappy piece of business: melancholy, because of its contrast with the work of truly ingenious exegetes like Harnack or the unfortunate and errant Abbé Loisy: unhappy, because of its self-defeating inconsistencies and self-contradictions in such an essential and imperative matter, among others, as the Resurrection.

I dare say, Sir, that in your private capacity as a lay reader you would generously have rescued Mrs. Austin from these inconsistencies and contradictions. In your editorial capacity, of course, you had almost necessarily to allow her to make the best of her way through them. It has